



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24, 2022 † 9:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.
Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Prelude and Fugue in B-flat

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 533

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*Greeting

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city;

will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

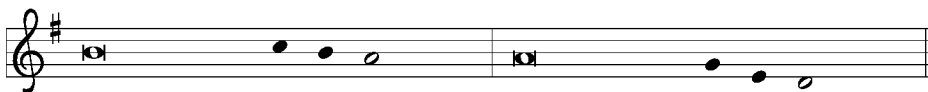
🔊 The word of the Lord.

🔊 Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 138

Antiphon: Mark Sedio

Antiphon: Your love endures forever; do not abandon the work of your hands.



¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart;
before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast [|] love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- [|] bove all things.**

³When I called, you [|] answered me;
you increased my [|] strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise [|] you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words [|] of your mouth. *Antiphon***

⁵They will sing of the ways [|] of the LORD,
that great is the glory [|] of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty [|] from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury [|] of my enemies.

⁸**You will make good your pur- [|] pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works [|] of your hands. *Antiphon***

Second Reading — Colossians 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel — Luke 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my chil-

dren are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Mark Rydberg

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 770

“Give Me Jesus”

Verse 1 — cantor

Verses 2–5 — all

***Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

📖 Lord, in your mercy,

🔊 hear our prayer.

*Peace

📖 The peace of Christ be with you always.

🔊 And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"The Lord's Prayer"

Cambodian folk tune, arr. Mark Sedio

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

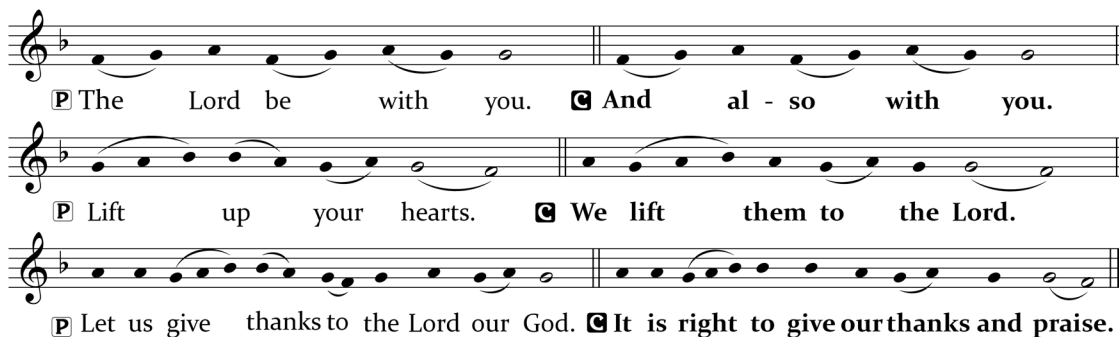
L Let us pray.

C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

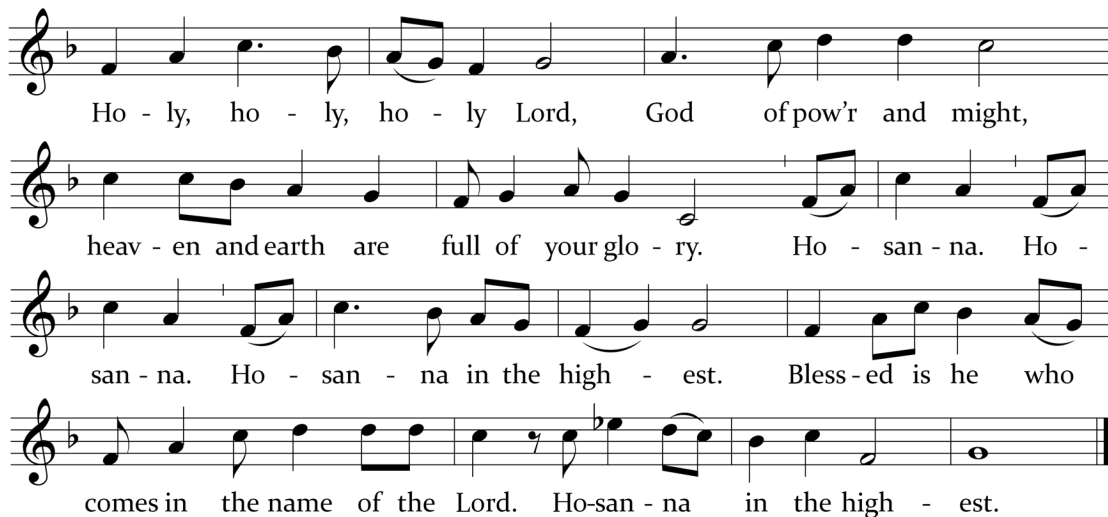


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary;
ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center.
After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice.
The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray.
**If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know,
and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts on a single staff. The first two parts are identical and end with a double bar line. The third part continues the melody and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 468

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

Meditation — "Priere à Notre Dame" from *Suite Gothique*

Leon Boëllmann

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

☞ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 678

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

David Cherwien

“Let the amen sound from God’s people again.”



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Rev. Mark Rydberg
Assisting Minister	Jim Cederberg
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Elizabeth Bade
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt, Sue Brockman, Brian Evenson
Coffee and Refreshments	Ted Peterson, Dale and Karen Schuette, Ann Albert, Cindy Clauson, Phil and Barb Eaves, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson
Counters	Shirley Keltto, David Norman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Todd Menssen, Bob Nyvall

From the Stewardship Board

Minnesota summers are worth waiting for, right? Whether your plans take you to the cabin, to the ball field to watch the St. John's softball team (or the Saints or the Twins), or camping in the wilderness, you can still give to St. John's.

Non-perishable food and personal care items for the Blessing Box are gratefully accepted. The annual Night to Unite celebration on Tuesday, August 2, has opportunities to give. Check out the June/July editions of *The Voice* to see how many ways there are to get involved in this celebration that strengthens community and increases the safety of neighborhoods.

St. John's provides several ways to give, whether it is a one-time gift, direct debit giving, regular online giving, or using traditional weekly envelopes. Your support in any form, from making a financial contribution to volunteering, is always appreciated and enhances the vibrancy of our church.

Information about how to make financial gifts is available on the St. John's website. If you haven't taken a look at the Giving page on the website, please take a few minutes to see all of the great information. You can use this link to find the page: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/giving/>. Questions? Contact the church office or a member of the Stewardship Board.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 31):

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 † Psalm 49:1-12 † Colossians 3:1-11 † Luke 12:13-21

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Dale and Karen Schuette in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on July 23. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in July. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 645-4429. Available Dates: August 7, September 18, and October 16 & 30.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, July 24, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 1

St. John's vs. Canvas

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

Patio Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, July 25, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Dave and Julie Zdenek

Next Summer Supper

Sunday, August 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

If you missed the last Summer Supper, there is another one coming up in August. Summer Suppers provide a fun, casual way to connect with members of our church community with a family-friendly opportunity to share a meal and conversation in the home or backyard of a member. Interested in attending or hosting the next Summer Supper? Hosts will receive a list with their guest names' and contact info, and will delegate the dishes for their guests to bring. Sign up in the Commons to attend or host by August 7.

St. John's Family Pizza Night at the Red Barn

Wednesday, August 10, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Red Barn (10063 110th St. E., Northfield)

Join us at the lovely grounds of the Red Barn for delicious freshly baked pizza made with locally grown organic ingredients, and share social time with fellow friends and members. The 10-acre farm is yours to explore, with horses, chickens, farm cats, and gardens to enjoy. Bring your own napkins and eating utensils, and any side dishes, desserts, and beverages you wish to have. Bring your own seating (chairs or blankets). There are a few picnic tables on site that are available first come first serve.

St. John's is Hiring this Summer!

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving as our Facility Manager? Maybe someone who could be a children's choir director or handbell director? St. John's [employment link](#) on our website is the place to send them as we seek new partners in ministry.

Announcements (continued)

St. John's Annual LWR School Kits Collection

Donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief's School Kits can be placed in the school bus box in the Commons. Lists of needed supplies are at the collection box and at the St. John's Women bulletin board. Donations are welcome from July 24 through Labor Day.

From the Women of St. John's

The WELCA Board members will have their first fall meeting Monday, August 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. All board meetings will be held the second Monday of each month. Anyone interested in serving on the board or joining in any of the WELCA programming should contact V.P. Carol Briemhorst at crbreimy@gmail.com for more information. All women congregants of St. John's are members-at-large of WELCA. We welcome your input and suggestions at any time from anyone. Our line-up of Courageous Conversations is already underway. Buckle Up! It is going to be an exciting year ahead. We also look forward to creating some special outings for all to enjoy. All are welcome here.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 27, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Boe Chapel at St. Olaf College

Organist: Catherine Rodland

See the Community bulletin board in the Commons for the full recital schedule.

St. Olaf College will host the 2022 Conference on Worship, Theology & the Arts on July 25–28

The conference title is "Scatter the Imagination of Our Hearts" (Luke 1:51) and participants will explore how the power of imagination can challenge, change, and inspire, especially as churches respond to the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and structural racism. Keynote presenters are Willie James Jennings and Eunjoo Mary Kim. Other presenters include Joe Davis, Dr. Katherine Parent, Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, and St. Olaf staff & faculty members: Matthew Marohl, Katherine Fick, Jill Mahr, James Bobb, Deanna Thompson, Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, and more! Northfield residents are invited to attend the conference plenary sessions and worship services for **FREE**. Registration is still open with weekly or daily options. A Virtual Conference track is also available. For a registration link and In-Person or Virtual track schedules go to: stolaf.edu/cwta.

Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take-and-eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson,
Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Dale Gehring

Those with ongoing health concerns

Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Gloria Porter, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Children and Youth Ministries

Upcoming Youth Events

- **Movie Night: Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Valley Cinema**
We are renting a Cannon Valley Cinema theater for a private movie. This event is for rising 6–10 graders.
- **High School Lock-In: Friday, August 5**
- **Romans & Christians: Wednesday, August 17, St. John's**

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, July 25	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Patio Theology, Home of Dave and Julie Zdenek
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 26	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, July 27	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Movie Night, Cannon Valley Cinema
Thursday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 29	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 30		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, July 31	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Shared Ministry

Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 2, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

St. John's will again be hosting this annual event which is part of a national program that encourages neighbors to come together in order to strengthen connection and increase safety in our neighborhoods. The celebration includes a picnic-style meal along with kid-friendly games and activities, and a chance to see emergency vehicles up close in our church parking lot! To make this night run smoothly we need helpers! Please contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you can provide help with one of the following:

- Help set up tables, chairs, and other needed items outside beginning around 3:30 p.m.
- Help with clean-up beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Set-up music to be played on a speaker or playing an instrument or provide live music



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Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.